

### **Forestry Division Responsibilities**

- Process and administer timber sale contracts and timber cutting permits.
- Process residential tree removal permits, burning permits, beachwood permits, and firewood permits.
- Plan and schedule tree planting, vegetation management, pre-commercial thinning, and commercial thinning contracts.
- Provide professional and technical guidance to landowners and other LIBC departments.
- Maintain and update forest inventory data to facilitate management decision.
- Update forest policy and management plans as needed.
- Manage tribal conservation areas.



A stand on reservation after a commercial thinning.

### **Background**

The Lummi Nation owns 5,359 acres of forestland within the reservation, 2,126 acres within in the Arlecho Creek Watershed, and 26 acres at Madrona Point. These forestlands provide significant cultural, environmental, and economic value to the Lummi people. Accordingly, the Forestry Division manages these resources in a responsible and professional manner to ensure that they will be available for generations to come.



Aerial Photo of Lummi Reservation

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## **FORESTRY DIVISION Lummi Nation Natural Resources Department**

### **Mission Statement**

**To enhance, utilize, and protect forest resources within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, Madrona Point, Portage Island, and the Arlecho Watershed into perpetuity for the benefit of the Lummi People.**



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## Forestry Permits

### Laws & Regulations

**Although the Lummi Nation is a self-governing tribe, we are still subject to the federal laws and regulations that govern forest management on trust and allotted Indian lands.**

This means that the Tribe must manage trust forestlands in accordance with the National Indian Forest Management Act (NIFRMA) and follow the permitting requirements established in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The NIFRMA provides the BIA with final approval authority on all timber harvest contract sales or permits for trust and allotted lands.

### Lummi Land Use Application

If you are interested in cutting trees on your parcel, whether it is a couple of trees or a full scale timber harvest, the first thing you must do is fill out a Land Use Application at the Lummi Planning Office. This application provides the Forest Manager and other pertinent Natural Resource staff with details on your proposed project and begins the permitting process.

### Federal Contracts & Permits

#### • **BIA Timber Sale Contract**

- Required for all timber harvests on trust and allotted lands where forest products are valued at \$25,000 or greater.
- Expected Timeframe: 1-3 years
- Potential Fines: The landowner not only forgoes the money he or she would have received for the harvested timber but also is liable for a fine from the BIA of triple the value of the harvested timber. In addition, the Lummi Nation may issue a fine ranging between \$500 and \$10,000.

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### Federal Contracts & Permits Continued

#### • **BIA Paid Timber Cutting Permit**

- Required for all timber harvests on trust and allotted lands where forest products are valued at less than \$25,000 but more than \$5,001.
- Expected Timeframe: 3 months - 2 years.
- Potential Fines: Same as for Timber Sale Contract

#### • **BIA Free-Use Timber Cutting Permit**

- Required for all harvests on trust and allotted lands where forest products are valued at less than \$5001 on lands zoned for forest use.
- Expected Timeframe: 2 weeks - 3 months.
- Potential Fines: Same as for Timber Sale Contract.

### Tribal Permits

#### • **LNR Residential Tree Removal Permit**

- Required for all harvests on trust and allotted lands zoned for residential, agriculture, commercial, or mixed-use where forest products are valued at less than \$5001, there is a single owner, and land clearing is less than 1-acre in size.
- Expected Timeframe: 1 – 3 weeks.
- Potential Fines: If you do not obtain a permit prior to cutting, the Lummi Nation may issue a fine ranging between \$500 and \$10,000.

#### • **LNR Beachwood Permit**

- Required for all harvesting of beachwood on all tidelands of the Lummi Reservation.
- Expected Timeframe: Available upon request.
- Potential Fines: If you do not obtain a permit prior to cutting beachwood, the Lummi Nation may issue a fine ranging between \$50 and \$2,000 and you may lose all beachwood permit privileges for 1 year.

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### Tribal Permits Continued

#### • **LNR Firewood Permit**

- Required for all firewood cutting on trust and allotted lands when there is downed wood on your trust parcel or when the tribe has designated open cutting areas.
- Expected Timeframe: Available upon request.
- Potential Fines: If you do not obtain a permit prior to cutting firewood, the Lummi Nation may issue a fine ranging between \$50 and \$2,000 and you may lose all firewood permit privileges for 1 year.
- The Washington Department of Natural Resources also issues firewood permits to tribal members when sites are available. Inquire at the Sedro-Woolley office or call 360-856-3500.

#### • **LNR Commercial Burning Permit**

- Required for all outdoor burning of logging slash or land clearing debris resulting from commercial operations.
- Expected Timeframe: 1 - 5 days.
- Potential Fines: If you do not obtain a permit prior to burning, the Lummi Nation may issue a fine ranging between \$50 and \$2,000. If the fire escapes, the landowner is financially responsible for all suppression and containment costs.

#### • **LNR Residential Burning Permit**

- Required for all outdoor burning of yard waste or small land clearing debris. A permit is not required if you are only burning household paper and cardboard in a burn barrel with a wire mesh cover.
- Expected Timeframe: Available upon request.
- Potential Fines: Same as for Commercial Burning Permit.

